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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

The Senate met at 4:30 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of our forebears, author of liberty, we lift our hearts in praise. Thank You for the opportunity to witness a renewal of democracy and an orderly transition of power. Lord, we know this orderly transition was not inevitable, for only Your grace saved us.

Mighty God, let the healing begin; bless our incoming Senators. Give wisdom and courage to President Joseph R. Biden and Vice President KAMALA HARRIS for the living of these days. And, Lord, long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light. Protect us by Your might, great God our King.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(The Vice President assumed the Chair.)

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate two Certificates of Election for the State of Georgia and a Certificate of Appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Senator KAMALA HARRIS of California.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived, and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the certificates were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF GEORGIA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 5th day of January, 2021, Jon Ossoff was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Brian P. Kemp, and the Great Seal of the State of Georgia hereto affixed at the Cap-

itol, in the city of Atlanta, the 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

BRIAN P. KEMP,
Governor.

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of California, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, the Governor of California, do hereby appoint ALEJANDRO "ALEX" PADILLA a Senator from California to represent California in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of Kamala D. Harris, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Gavin Newsom, and our seal hereto affixed in the City of Sacramento, this 18th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2021.

GAVIN NEWSOM,
Governor.

JAMES SCHWAB,
Acting Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF GEORGIA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 5th day of January, 2021, Raphael Warnock was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia, a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2023, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Johnny Isakson.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Brian P. Kemp, and the Great Seal of the

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State of Georgia hereto affixed at the Capitol, in the city of Atlanta, the 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

BRIAN P. KEMP,
Governor.
BRAD RAFFENSPERGER,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators-elect and the Senator-designate will now present themselves at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. OSSOFF of Georgia, Mr. PADILLA of California, and Mr. WARNOCK of Georgia.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KAINE, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, just to let the Members know the order of business, we will first install Senator LEAHY as President pro tempore. We will then have some other mechanical business. I will then give my maiden speech as majority leader of the U.S. Senate, and then we will—

(Applause, Senators rising.)

—and then we will hear from Senator MCCONNELL.

There may be a vote this evening.

ELECTING PATRICK J. LEAHY, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF VERMONT, TO BE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 6, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 6) to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made

and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 6) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 6

Resolved, That Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. The senior Senator from Vermont will be escorted to the desk.

The Senator from Vermont, Mr. LEAHY, escorted by Mr. GRASSLEY, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY). The majority leader.

EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE HONORABLE CHUCK GRASSLEY FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND DESIGNATING SENATOR GRASSLEY AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 7, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 7) expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Chuck Grassley for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Grassley as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 7) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 7

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator Grassley for his dedication and commitment during his service to the Senate as the President Pro Tempore.

Further, as a token of appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service, Senator Chuck Grassley is hereby designated President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 8, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 8) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered be made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 8) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 8

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy as President of the Senate pro tempore.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 9, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 9) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 9) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 9

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy as President of the Senate pro tempore.

ELECTING GARY B. MYRICK, OF VIRGINIA, AS SECRETARY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 10, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.